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It is time for the HHS to stop making laws and rules that encompass all.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has gone beyond nuzzling its nose where it does not belong. It has plunked itself right in the middle of the Catholic Church. It is trying to define what a religion does and does not do.

Look at the numbers. Catholic hospitals admit about 5.6 million people annually. That's one out of every six persons seeking hospital care in the United States. Catholic Charities serves more than 9 million people annually. Catholic colleges and universities teach 850,000 students annually. Among those served are Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, atheists, agnostics and members of any other religious or irreligious group you can name.

Please have the HHS step OUT of the "religious" medical organizations and let them run on their own rules.

Regards,  
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